

Global Climate Change and Public Health: The Health Impacts of California Heat Waves

Monday, July 30, 2007

Byron Sher Auditorium/CalEPA Building

Agenda

Recently enacted legislation (The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, AB 32, Statutes of 2006), which the Governor signed into law, requires the Air Resources Board to promulgate regulations to achieve greenhouse gas emission reductions. The enactment of this bill reflects growing concern about the health, environmental, and economic impacts of continued global warming due to greenhouse gases. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the Air Resources Board, and the Department of Public Health are co-sponsoring this symposium to outline the public health concerns associated with global warming and to describe work at these agencies to help address the public health problems associated with climate change.

1:00 - 1:05: Introduction

Bart Ostro, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)

1:05 - 1:15: Presentation of the Haagen-Smit Awards

Mary Nichols, Chair, Air Resources Board (ARB)

1:15 - 1:30: California's concern for climate change and health

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Joan Denton, Director, OEHHA

Mark Horton, Director, California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

1:30 - 1:45: Update on California's effort to reduce greenhouse gases

Fran Pavley, former Assembly member and author of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Assembly Bill 32)

1:45 - 2:15: History of heat waves in California: putting the 2006 heat wave into perspective

Alexander Gershunov, Scripps Institution of Oceanography/University of California, San Diego

2:15 - 2:45: Descriptive analysis of the health effects of the 2006 heat wave: coroner reports on who was affected and where the effects occurred

Roger Trent, CDPH

2:45 - 3:25: Model projections on future heat waves and changes in air pollution in California

Nehzat Motellebi, ARB

Deborah Drechsler, ARB

3:25 - 3:40: Break

3:40 - 4:20: Epidemiologic estimates of the full health effects of the heat wave and changes in air pollution

Rupa Basu, OEHHA

Bart Ostro, OEHHA

4:20 - 4:40: Assessment of Heat Vulnerability and potential mitigation strategies

Paul English, CDPH

4:40 - 5:00: Other potential health effects of climate change in California

Helene Margolis, CDPH

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